

## HOUSE CLEANING TIME AT THE WHITE HOUSE—MRS. TAFT

From the "summer white house" at Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, Mrs. Taft has been conducting a correspondence course in fall house cleaning.

Every few days Mrs. Jafray, who acts as housekeeper in Washington for Mrs. Taft, has received a letter from the president's wife containing directions for the work she wants done. Nothing is too small to receive the especial attention of the "First Lady." She realizes that everything counts in making comfortable, happy and healthy her family, guests and employes. Mrs. Taft KNOWS how things ought to be done. In an emergency she could act as housekeeper and chef.

A number of extra employes, in addition to the 26 regularly on duty, have been busy at the executive mansion for several weeks. The kitchens have come in for an especially thorough overhauling. The most vigilant care is necessary to insure absolutely sanitary conditions in the white house, for while the interior was rebuilt during the Roosevelt regime, the walls of the famous mansion are very old and need constant looking after.

Mrs. Taft has had a large store-room adjoining the regular kitchen turned out and made into a subsidiary kitchen. The white house kitchen heretofore being inadequate.

Whenever state dinners were given much of the food had to be prepared on the outside by caterers. Only thirty or forty persons



could be supplied from the white house kitchen. Mrs. Taft hopes that the new scheme will make that unnecessary.

The old kitchen was about twenty-five feet square, and the new one adds 18 feet to its space. Both kitchens have been newly tiled so they may be kept spotless. A modern hotel range, 15 feet in length, with great hood and warming racks has been installed. In the smaller kitchen there is a large gas range and a great deal of electrical equipment.

The employes' quarters have been thoroughly overhauled. Beds and furniture received fresh coats of paint and enamel.

